THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The Government has no information on whether any goods are being imported indiscriminately from some Asian countries and if such import of goods has put small scale industries to any hardship.

(b) With a view to providing protection to domestic industries, including small scale industries, the Government has put in place an appropriate trade defence mechanism, including safeguards against surge in imports and anti-dumping measures. Several measures have also been taken to assist the domestic small scale industries in technological upgradation and marketing so that they can face increasing global competition.

Package for SSIs

†479. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any special package for speedy development of Small-Scale Industries of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide loans to small entrepreneurs on relaxed conditions, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any special scheme for establishing small-scale industries after providing training to youth, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of unemployed youths who received training under these schemes during the last few years and the number out of them who have established their Small-Scale Industries?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) A package for promotion of small enterprises is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Credit to small scale industries (SSI) is covered under the priority lending programme of the scheduled commercial banks. In order to further facilitate collateral free loan to small scale industries upto Rs. 25 lakh, the Government implements the Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Small

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Industries under which guarantee cover to banks is provided for loans advanced to small scale industry (SSI) units on payment of a nominal fee. In addition, with a view to assisting SSI for technological upgradation in select technologies and products, the Government also implements a scheme called Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) under which loans upto Rs. 40 lakh are provided to SSI units alongwith capital subsidy of 12 per cent.

(c) and (d) Industrial Motivation Campaigns (IMCs) and Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs) are regularly organized by the Government to encourage/motivate and train young men and women desirous of establishing small scale industries. In addition, unemployed youth are provided loans by banks and capital subsidy by the Government to set up tiny enterprises, including industries, under the Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY). In addition, in the rural areas, the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) is implemented by the Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission under which eligible persons, including unemployed youth, are provided loan by banks and capital subsidy by the Government in setting up village industries, with project cost upto Rs. 25 lakh. The number of beneficiaries under IMCs, EDPs, PMRY and REGP for the last three years are as under:—

Year	Beneficiaries under IMCs	Beneficiaries under EDPs	No. of cases/loans assisted under	
			PMRY	REGP
2002-03	14085	7390	190521	21024
2003-04	18513	1830	217743	24747
2004-05	53031	15922	182165 (Provisional)	23453

Setting up of SSIs

†480. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on setting up small scale industries in the first three years of Tenth Five Year Plan;

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